



**Construction Contract  
CITY OF AUSTIN  
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

**AGENDA ITEM NO.: 14  
AGENDA DATE: Thu 01/15/2004  
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**SUBJECT:** Authorize execution of a construction contract with TEXAS ROAD & UTILITIES, INC. (WBE/FR 65.06 %), Buda, TX, for the Austin Clean Water Program: Upper Tannehill - Lower Fort Branch: Old Manor Wastewater Improvements Project in the amount of \$510,000 plus a \$51,000 contingency, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$561,000.

**AMOUNT & SOURCE OF FUNDING:** Funding in the amount of \$561,000 is included in the Fiscal Year 2003-2004 Approved Capital Budget of the Austin Water Utility.

**FISCAL NOTE:** A fiscal note is attached.

**REQUESTING** Public Works  
**DEPARTMENT:**for Austin Water Utility;

**DIRECTOR'S  
AUTHORIZATION:** Sondra Creighton

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:** Anne Scharlach, P.E., 479-1645; Karen Poff, P.E., 479-1630; Laura Bohl, 974-7064

**PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:** N/A

**BOARD AND COMMISSION ACTION:** Recommended by Water and Wastewater Commission.

**PURCHASING:** Lowest bid of six received.

**MBE / WBE:** 22.53% MBE and 9.18% WBE subcontractor participation.

This contract will provide for the construction of a new wastewater pipeline within the channel of the Tannehill Branch of Boggy Creek. The new pipeline will replace an existing deteriorated and undersized line at this location. This project is part of the Austin Water Utility's Austin Clean Water Program (ACWP), which was developed to respond to the requirements of the Environmental Protection Agency's Administrative Order regarding Sanitary Sewer Overflows.

The project consists of the replacement of approximately 750 linear feet of existing concrete encased 15-inch wastewater line with a new 24-inch wastewater line in Tannehill Branch, from East 51<sup>st</sup> Street to Old Manor Rd. It also includes restoration of the stream bank and special concrete encasement of the proposed wastewater main. Due to the potential for unknown subsurface conditions and unforeseen issues arising from construction within the creek, a 10% contingency in funding has been included to allow for the expeditious processing of any future change orders. The contract allows 120 working days for substantial completion of this project

Bid documents were distributed to 23 general contractors. Bids were opened on November 07, 2003. Six (6) bids were received; Texas Road & Utilities, Inc. submitted the lowest of the four (4) responsive bids:

Texas Road and Utilities, Inc., (WBE) Buda, TX	\$510,000.00
Laughlin-Thyssen, Ltd., Houston, TX	\$510,369.00
Heyl Construction, Ltd., Leander, TX	\$565,070.00
Salas Construction, Inc., (MBE/MH) Austin, TX	Non-responsive
CC Carlton Industries, Ltd., Pflugerville, TX	\$607,114.00



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Joe Bland Construction L.P, Austin, TX

Non-responsive

The contractor's choice of work methodology provides for 6 areas of subcontracting opportunities listed below. Participation sub-goals stated in the solicitation were: 2.69% African American; 17.80% Hispanic; 1.14 % Native/Asian American, and 8.10% WBE. Total participation estimated on base bid amount of \$510,000.00:

WBE TOTAL – PRIME	\$331,806.00	65.06%
Texas Road & Utilities, Inc., Buda, TX	\$331,806.00	65.06%
MBE TOTAL – SUBCONTRACTORS	\$114,900.00	22.53%
<u>MB SUBTOTAL</u>	<u>\$14,500.00</u>	<u>2.84%</u>
(MB) Alvin Washington Trucking, Austin, TX (Hauling)	\$14,500.00	2.84%
<u>MH SUBTOTAL</u>	<u>\$94,300.00</u>	<u>18.49%</u>
(MH) MRG Construction, Austin, TX (Pipeline Construction)	\$94,300.00	18.49%
<u>MA SUBTOTAL</u>	<u>\$6,100.00</u>	<u>1.20%</u>
(MA) Ben Qwest, Austin, TX (Fuel)	\$6,100.00	1.20%
WBE TOTAL -- SUBCONTRACTORS	\$46,815.00	9.18%
(FR) Environmental Survey Consulting, Austin, TX (Erosion Control)	\$46,815.00	9.18%
Non M/WBE TOTAL – SUBCONTRACTORS	\$16,479.00	3.23%
United Rental Highway, Austin, TX (Traffic Control)	\$ 1,700.00	0.33%
National Waterworks Austin, TX (WW Appurtenances Supply)	\$14,779.00	2.90%

The Contractor submitted a MBE/WBE Compliance Plan that was approved by the Department of Small & Minority Business Resources. Second and third low bidder information is provided, but were not



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evaluated:

**SECOND LOW BIDDER – Laughlin-Thyssen, Ltd., Houston, TX - \$510,369.00**  
87.55% Non M/WBE prime participation; 2.69% MB; 7.64% MH; 0% MA; 2.12% WBE; 0% Non M/WBE subcontractor participation.

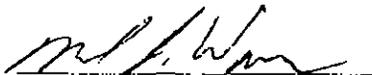
**THIRD LOW BIDDER – Heyl Construction, Ltd., Leander, TX - \$565,070.00**  
69.79% Non M/WBE prime participation; 2.80% African American; 17.95% Hispanic; 1.18% Native/Asian American; 8.28% WBE; and 0.00% Non M/WBE subcontractor participation.

No. 010704-B  
WATER AND WASTEWATER COMMISSION RESOLUTION  
**AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT WITH TEXAS ROAD AND UTILITIES,  
INC. (WBE: 65.06%) FOR THE ACWP: UPPER TANNEHILL-LOWER FORT BRANCH: OLD MANOR  
WASTEWATER IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$510,000 PLUS A \$51,000  
CONTINGENCY FOR A TOTAL CONTRACT AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$561,000**

January 7, 2004  
REGULAR MEETING  
VOTE: 6-0-0

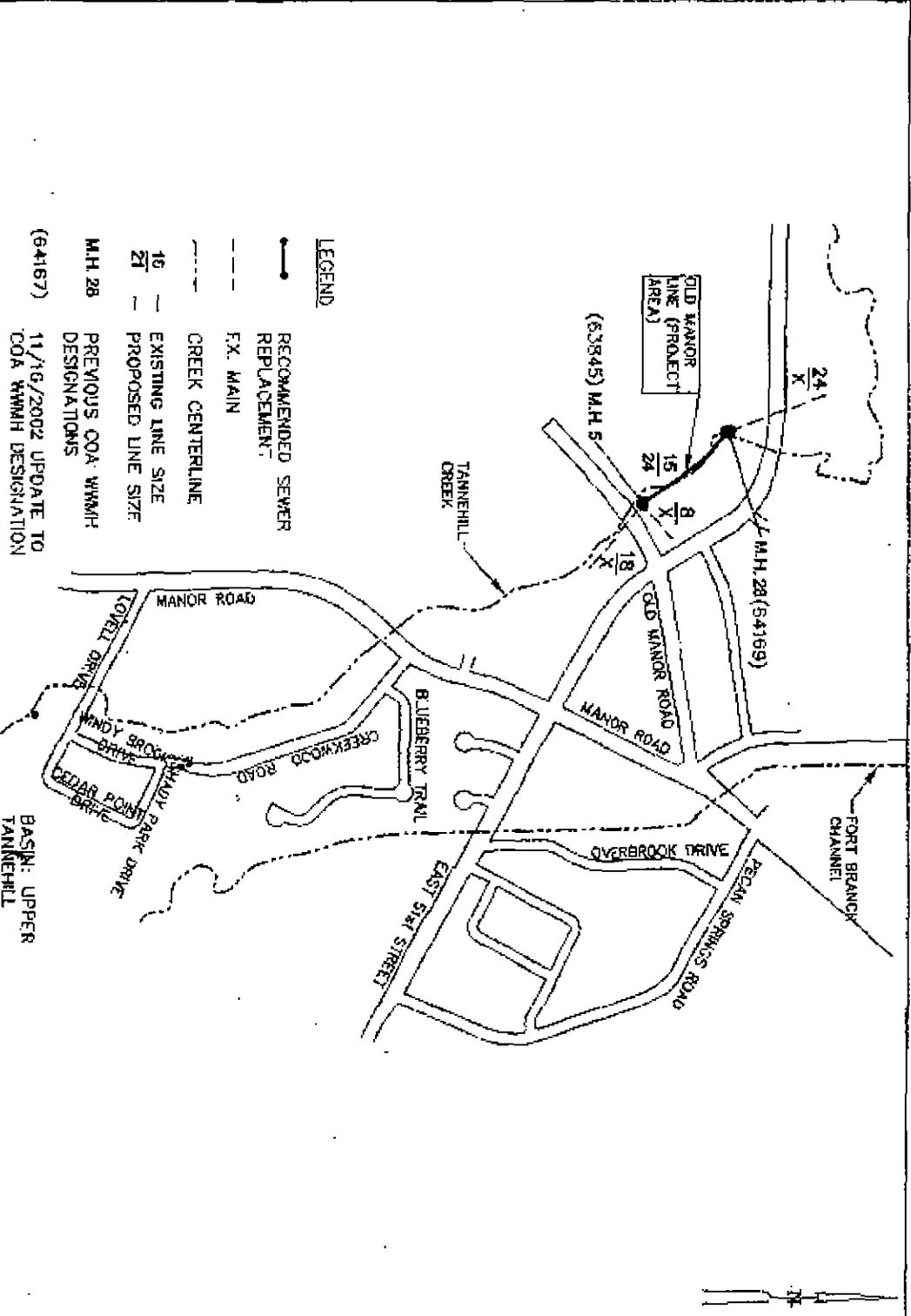
Motion made by: Miller  
Commissioners Consenting: Lee, Warner, Kirfinan, Friese, Coleman  
*Commissioners Dissenting:*  
Commissioners Abstaining:  
Commissioners Absent:

The Water and Wastewater Commission recommends the Council authorize execution of a construction contract with Texas Road and Utilities, Inc. (WBE: 65.06% for the ACWP: Upper Tannehill-Lower Fort Branch: Old Manor Wastewater Improvements Project in the amount of \$510,000 plus a \$51,000 contingency for a total contract amount not to exceed \$561,000.

  
Michael Warner, Chairperson  
Water and Wastewater Commission

1/7/04  
Date

AUSTIN CLEAN WATER PROGRAM  
 - UPPER TANNHILL - LOWER FORT BRANCH  
 OLD MANOR LINE



CITY GRIDS: L25

LOCATION MAP

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